

HR98

Testimony

HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ESTABLISH
A COMMITTEE TO BETTER COORDINATE ALL ROAD MAINTENANCE
SCHEDULING TO MINIMIZE PUBLIC INCONVENIENCE.

1 WHEREAS, successful completion of extensive road repairs
2 and maintenance with minimal public inconvenience requires a
3 high level of coordination among the multiple city and state
4 entities involved; and
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6 WHEREAS, insufficient coordination and delays in
7 communication between the various departments, including the
8 Hawaii Department of Transportation, the City and County of
9 Honolulu's Department of Design and Construction, and the City
10 and County of Honolulu's Department of Facility Maintenance,
11 directly results in delays to completion of road work and
12 therefore inconveniences the driving public; and
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14 WHEREAS, a dedicated committee would be more effective in
15 coordinating the necessary logistics for timely scheduling and
16 completion of road work, and could clearly delineate each
17 entity's responsibilities, thus preventing miscommunication or
18 lack thereof; and
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20 WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu has
21 also considered creating a similar coordinating body to
22 facilitate the smooth and timely completion of all road work
23 projects; now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
27 Session of 2015, that this body requests the Hawaii Department
28 of Transportation to establish such a committee to be chaired by
29 an employee chosen by the Department of Transportation, and that
30 the committee consist of one to two persons from each of the
31 following entities: the Legislature, the Hawaii Department of
32 Transportation's Highways Planning Section, the City and County



1 of Honolulu's Department of Design and Construction (including
2 the Civil Division Chief), and the City and County of Honolulu's
3 Department of Facility Maintenance (including the Road
4 Maintenance Chief); and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
7 Transportation is further requested to keep in mind when
8 deciding which persons to appoint to the committee, that it may
9 be more prudent to consider civil service employees, as such
10 employees tend to stay with the department for longer periods of
11 time and would therefore be better suited to serve on a long-
12 term basis; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
15 Transportation is further requested to consider having the
16 committee meet two to three times a year at a minimum, to
17 discuss upcoming road improvement proposals, coordinate
18 scheduling for those projects in a way that minimizes
19 inconvenience to the public, and ensure sufficient public
20 awareness of the road work schedule and locations; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee is requested to
23 submit a report to the Legislature of its activities, as well as
24 any recommendations for legislation, no later than twenty days
25 before the convening of the Regular Session of 2016; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
28 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Senate President,
29 the House Speaker, the Director of Transportation, the Director
30 of the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Design and
31 Construction, and the Director of the City and County of
32 Honolulu's Department of Facility Maintenance.
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The Committee(s) to which the comments are directed:

Committee on Transportation

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This testimony is both for HAPI's support of measure number HR 98 and to request that I be added to the proposed committee.

I am representing HAPI, whose 40-plus member companies (2,100 staff in Hawaii alone) are asphalt pavement producers, including all producers on Oahu, laydown contractors in the State of Hawai'i, and design consultants, as well as industries related to pavement preservation.

A couple of years ago, I had the opportunity to meet with Representative Fukumoto Chang. We discussed the idea of forming a task force to better coordinate road improvement projects between the State DOT and the City. As a follow-up, last year I assisted her office with the drafting of HR 98.

While the City and State DOT do have some form of coordinating projects, in my experience it happens when the projects are ready to go to construction. The goal of this proposed committee is to discuss projects at the planning stage to improve the scheduling projects to minimize the inconvenience to the public.

As an industry, we hope that committee would also take into consideration our capacity. Currently, both the State DOT on Oahu and the City are going "gung-ho" on projects. Our industry has been keeping pace. However, a lot of work usually results in higher bid prices, while too little work usually results in more competitive prices. It would benefit both the State and City if projects could be planned to get more competitive pricing from the contractors.

I am also writing to respectfully ask you to consider adding me as a member of the committee. As the Executive Director of HAPI, I would be an asset to the committee for the following reasons:

- I would serve as the liaison between the committee and the asphalt paving contractors.
- I have a good working relationship with both the State DOT and the City and County of Honolulu.

- I am a professional civil engineer that has worked as a design consultant and construction manager. As such I have a good understanding of how road projects are planned, designed, and constructed.
- I have a reputation of listening to all stakeholders and developing "win-win" solutions.
- I have recent experience of being a member of a task force, serving as a member on the Tire Task Force.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

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